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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: RELIEF OPERATIONS IN THE HORN

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS DEPT CONSIDERING THREE MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR RELIEF OPERATIONS IN THE HORN. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY FAVORS CONTRIBUTION, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEFERRING ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS AND TALK TO GOVT OFFICIALS IN NORTHERN SOMALIA.

2. EMBASSY HAS MADE THE POINT ON EACH OCCASION RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR SOMALIA WERE DISCUSSED HERE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL WE BE ALLOWED TO SEE AT FIRST HAND SOME OF THE RELIEF CAMPS AND RELIEF EFFORTS GOVT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS CONDUCTING. AMBASSADOR MOST RECENTLY, APRIL 30, TOOK UP MATTER WITH PRESIDENT SIAD. AID REP HAS DISCUSSED IT WITH CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVT. WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN GSDR WILL ARRANGE APPROPRIATE
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TRIP, BUT WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED USG DOES NOT PROCEED WITH DONATION UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED A FIRST HAND SURVEY. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT WE ARE GOING TO OBTAIN MORE OR EVEN BETTER INFO THAN UNHCR SURVEY REPORT, BUT WE DO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR WHOLE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IF WE PROCEED ON THE RELIEF SIDE WITHOUT HOLDING TO

OUR STAND ON TRAVEL.
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